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## GENERAL

1. Reported Communist proposal for ending Greek hostilities -- US Embassy Athens reports that former Prime Minister Tsouderos has received from a prominent member of the Greek Communist Party a proposal for the cessation of guerrilla activities. Among the conditions put forward as a basis for the ending of hostilities are the following: (a) a UN guarantee of the political and economic independence of Greece (necessitating the withdrawal of allied troops); (b) the establishment of a government of "general confidence," not necessarily including Communist representation; and (c) the acceptance "in principle" of financial and economic aid from abroad through the European recovery program or any other plan under the UN. Tsouderos expressed the opinion that the proposal originated in Markos' "foreign office" and had probably been cleared by the Kremlin.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that evidence points to a Soviet-Satellite sponsored intensification rather than a curtailment of guerrilla activities in Greece. Recent Greek Army successes have not been sufficiently important to prompt the guerrillas to sue for an armistice. The insincerity of the proposed conditions is obvious: the conditions relating to the UN would leave Greece militarily defenseless without impairing the guerrilla potential; and the acceptance of aid under the European recovery program is diametrically opposed to the Soviet bloc policy. The Communists, realizing that the Greek Government will not accept the offer, may be expected to publicize the rejection as indicative of the Greek-US policy of pursuing a needless war against the Greek people.)

2. Czechoslovakia may replace Palestine commission chairman -- The US delegation at the UN has learned that Chairman Lisicky (Czechoslovakia) of the five-nation Palestine Commission is under increasing pressure from the Czechoslovak Government to support Bolivia, Panama, and the Philippines in their desire to go ahead with the implementation of partition. The delegation

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indicates that Lisicky is resisting pressure and therefore will probably be promptly replaced by the Czechoslovak Government, thus increasing the number of votes favoring the establishment of a Jewish Provisional Council of Government.

(CIA Comment: Lisicky and Federspiel (Denmark) have so far successfully blocked further action by the Palestine Commission to carry out the political recommendations of the General Assembly (GA), pending new GA instructions. If the supporters of partition are successful in obtaining the Commission's authorization of a provisional government in Palestine, the Jewish Agency would be bolstered in its contention that such a government had been legally established.)

#### NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. IRAN: Italians told of Soviet displeasure over Iran. The Italian Foreign Minister has informed US Ambassador Dunn in Rome that strong Soviet objections to US support of Iran in "arming against Russia" were expressed in a recent conversation between Italian and Soviet representatives in Tehran. The Soviet representative reportedly stated that the USSR would "necessarily take measures to protect itself" if the Iranians did not cease to permit US activities in Iran and added that the present Iranian course might make Iran a battleground, possibly in the near future.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Soviet representative's remarks, undoubtedly intended to reach Iranian ears, are a further step in Soviet intimidation of Iran. Having been transmitted through the Italian Minister, these remarks also serve to warn the Italian Government of the price of collaboration with the US.)

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